

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-1-29**

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For Work Week Commencing: January 28, 2002  
Business Meeting: January 29, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2001.1.5/D97.7.90 – MPC Sale/MPC Tier 2 Electric Restructuring – Placeholder. 1/29/02
2. D2001.7.99 – Havre Pipeline – Rate Increase for Farmstead Customers – Discussion, direction, action on final order. 1/29/02
3. N2001.12.165 – AT&T – Application to Withdraw Sent-Paid Coin Service – Discuss extending time to allow response to AT&T's application to withdraw sent-paid coin service. 1/29/02
4. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Motion for reconsideration of decisions on Line Sharing and Interconnection. 1/29/02
5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss plan for 271 wrap-up generally. 1/29/02

6. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Preliminary Report on Qwest 272 for 271. 1/30/02
7. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss and act on staff recommendations for a preliminary report regarding Qwest's performance assurance plan (QPAP) 1/30/02
8. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss draft final report on 2 Emerging Services—Dark Fiber and Packet Switching and possible approve for issuance. 1/30/02
9. Commission, EGG – Discuss initial rulemaking to modify supplier licensing rules. 1/29/02

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D2001.12.172 (Eric)

On December 24, 2001, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 31, 2001. Requests for hearing were due by January 29, 2002. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$10,220 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted.

2. MONTANA POWER CO. D2001.12.167, 168 & 169 (JOEL)

On December 13, 2001, Montana Power filed three applications to revise their propane, natural gas and electric tariffs pertaining to meter testing. The current meter testing schedule has been in place for some time and improvements in manufacturing have warranted a change. The proposed meter testing procedure will provide a more statistically correct and updated method of assuring accuracy.

3. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, N2001.1.4 (Dave B.)

On January 7, 2002, QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, filed tariff transmittal 02-01, DSS, UAS, ISDN, PRS, and Centrex Prime Promotion. Qwest is proposing a promotion that would run from February 1, 2002 through April 30, 2002. Under this promotion, customers subscribing to Centrex PRIME, Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS), or Uniform Access Solution (UAS) under a minimum 36 month rate stability plan, will receive credit for one month of service if Qwest, through its own fault, fails to meet the committed due date to the customer. The due dates must be equal to or greater than the Standard Interval date as specified in the Qwest Corporation Service Interval Guide.

The promotion applies if facilities are available. This promotion applies to customers who are new to the service except customers migrating from Centrex type service to Centrex PRIME. The promotion also applies to current customers who are adding additional T1 facilities with network trunks/connections for Advanced DSS, ISDN, PRS, and UAS. In addition, the promotion applies to new Centrex PRIME being installed in a new central office for an existing customer.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. MCI WORLDCOM N2002.1.7 (Leroy)

On January 18, 2002, MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed Transmittal Letter No. 02-03 to change per call rounding for Advanced

Option II for Small Business Savings Plan IV and Advanced Option II for Small Business Savings Plan VI from 30 second to full minute rounding after the initial first minute for all in-state Dial-1, Toll Free, Fax, Calling Card and P800 calls. MCI WorldCom is requesting an effective date for this tariff of February 1, 2002.

2. Qwest Corporation Docket No. N2002.1.8 (Scott)

On January 18, 2002, Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 02-04. In this filing Qwest is proposing a Residence CUSTOMCHOICE promotion. Residence customers who purchase CUSTOMCHOICE during the promotion period will be mailed a coupon to verify their name and address. Once the customer returns the coupon, a \$20.00 rebate check will be mailed to the customer. The customer must keep CUSTOMCHOICE in service for 60 days before the check will be mailed. Qwest is requesting the promotion to run from February 11, 2002 through March 30, 2002.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

1. PG&E ENERGY TRADING – POWER, L.P. Docket N2002.1.9 (Will)

On January 23, 2002, PG&E Energy Trading – Power, L.P. filed an application for a license to supply electricity in the state of Montana. If it is granted a license, PG&E would solicit and serve large commercial and industrial customers.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-2-5**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- N2002.1.7 MCI WorldCom - Transmittal Letter 02-03 - Tariff Revisions to Small Business Savings Plan IV and VI
- N2002.1.8 Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 02-04 - Residence Custom Choice Promotion
- N2002.1.9 PG&E Energy Trading - Power LP - License to Supply Electricity